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DECLARATION OF YOSHIKAZU KAKINUMA UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Now comes Yoshikazu Kakinuma, who declares and states as follows:

- I am employed by Fukoku Co, Ltd., of Ageo-Shi, Ipana, which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of industrial rubber products, including but not limited to damper pulley systems for use with automobile engines. In the course of my employment, I have invented several damper pulley systems.
- 2. Fukoku Co., Ltd., is the assignee of the present application.
- The damper pulley systems shown in Figures 1-4 of United States Patent
 Application No. 10/564,231 are embodiments of damper pulley systems that I have
 invented and developed along with co-inventors Hideaki Watanabe and Kazumi Oki.
- The damper pulley system shown in Figure 5 of the present application is another example of a damper pulley system that I invented while working toward the damper pulley systems shown in Figures 1-4.
- The damper pulley system shown in Figure 5 of the present application does not constitute prior art, at least because it was neither known or used in the United States,

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nor patented or described in a printed publication in the United States or a foreign country, before the conception of the inventions recited in the present Application; and because it was neither patented or described in a printed publication in the United States or a foreign country, nor in public use or on sale in the United States, more than one year prior to the date of the Application for patent in the United States.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were rande with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

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